

Welcome to Sociology!

WIGSTON COLLEGE

A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

**EVER WONDERED WHY
TRADITIONALLY GIRLS DO
BETTER AT SCHOOL THAN
BOYS?**

**Come & find out about A level
Sociology!**

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

PAPER ONE: EDUCATION & RESEARCH
METHODS

PAPER TWO: TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY

PAPER THREE: CRIME & DEVIANCE WITH
THEORY & METHODS

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Welcome to Sociology! This is an activity pack of things that you can do before you start the course in the autumn term. These tasks are aimed to support you in starting your Sociology A level. It contains one piece of work which needs to be completed and handed in during your first week at the college, the additional tasks are optional but recommended.

We follow the AQA examination board.

In year one you will study two units: 1) Sociology of Education and 2) Sociology of Culture & identity. In year two you will study two units: 1) Sociology of Crime and Deviance and 2) Sociology of the Media.

You will also have an ongoing theme of sociological theory and methods running throughout both of the two years.

The course will be assessed at the end of the two years with three exams; Paper 1: Education and Theory and Methods, Paper 2: Culture & identity/Media and Paper 3: Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods.

REVISION GUIDES

We recommend the Tutor 2 U revision guides for Sociology. Booklets can be purchased for Crime and Deviance, Education, Theories and Methods, Culture and identity and Media

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TASKS TO PREPARE YOU FOR A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

TASK ONE:

One of the first things we would encourage you to do before starting in the autumn term is organise your folder with dividers labelled as below which you can file your class notes in to during the autumn term. You may wish to have 2 folders – one for culture and one for education.

Education and Methods

- Introduction to Sociology.
- Sociology of Education: Class differences in achievement
- Sociology of Education: Ethnic differences in achievement
- Sociology of Education: Gender differences in education
- Sociology of Education: The role of education in society.
- Sociology of Education: Educational policy & inequality
- Sociology of Education: Methods in context
- Research methods: Experiments, Questionnaires, Interviews, Observation, Secondary sources

Families and households

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- Sociology of Culture & Identity: Conceptions of culture
- Sociology of Culture & Identity: Socialisation
- Sociology of Culture & Identity: The self
- Sociology of Culture & Identity: Identity and age, ethnicity, nationality & social class
- Sociology of Culture & Identity: Identity and disability, gender & sexuality
- Sociology of Culture & Identity: Identity & the contemporary economy
- Theory and methods: Theories in Sociology
- Theory and methods: Social Policy
- Theory and methods: Modernity v postmodernity
- Theory and methods: Should Sociology be considered a Science?
- Theory and methods: Value free debate

TASK TWO:

In Sociology we spend a lot of time talking about different theories/perspectives and what they think of each topic we study. The theories all have different views on how society works, and why it works in the way that it does.

Find out about all of the below, what are their general views on society?

- Functionalists
- Marxists
- Feminists (Radical, Liberal, Marxists and difference)
- Postmodernists
- The New Right

You could watch the videos on this link to help you :

<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/collections/introduction-to-a-level-sociology>

TASK THREE - To be completed and handed in at the start of term in Y12.

In Sociology we look at educational policies and how education has changed over time. Please research this and create us a document of no more than one side of A4 which explains how the education system in the UK has changed from 1870 onwards. Please include key policies such as the Education Reform Act in 1988 and tell us what these did, eg. Introduced OFSTED and league tables.

IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

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